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SUBJECT: PURCHASING ENTITIES OF THE INDIAN CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

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1. INDIAN IMPORTS OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT, INDUSTRIAL
RAW MATERIALS AND OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS ARE GOVERNED BY
THE GOI IMPORT TRADE POLICY ANNOUNCED AT THE BEGINNING OF
EACH FISCAL YEAR, I.E. APRIL 1. OF THE ESTIMATED TOTAL
IMPORTS OF ABOUT RS.60 BILLION (AROUND DOLS 7 BILLION) IN
1977-78, PUBLIC SECTOR PROCUREMENT AGENCIES ACCOUNTED FOR
APPROXIMATELY 75 PERCENT. THE REMAINING 25 PERCENT WAS
HANDLED BY PRIVATE SECTOR FIRMS. THIS PATTERN HAS BY
AND LARGE REMAINED UNCHANGED IN RECENT YEARS.

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2. THE PRINCIPAL AGENCIES DESIGNATED FOR IMPORTS UNDER
THE VARIOUS MINISTRIES OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT PLUS
SEVERAL OTHER ENTITIES UNDER CENTRAL OR STATE GOVERNMENT
CONTROL ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. THE RAILWAY BOARD UNDER THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL PURCHASES OF EQUIPMENT

FOR THE COUNTRY'S RAILROAD SYSTEM.

B. STEEL AUTHORITY OF INDIA LTD. (SAIL) UNDER THE MINISTRY OF STEEL PROCURES SPECIAL STEEL AND STEEL PRODUCTS.

C. DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS (DGPANDT) UNDER THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS PURCHASES EQUIPMENT FOR POSTAL, TELEPHONE, TELEGRAPH AND WIRELESS SERVICES IN INDIA.

D. DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF ORDNANCE FACTORIES UNDER THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE PURCHASES MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR THE PRODUCTION OF ARMS AND ARMAMENTS.

E. STATE TRADING CORPORATION (STC) UNDER THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE IS THE CANALIZING AGENCY AND IMPORTS A WIDE RANGE OF PRODUCTS LARGELY FOR END USERS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR. PRINCIPAL ITEMS INCLUDE NEWSPRINT, EDIBLE OILS, CEMENT AND TEXTILE RAW MATERIALS.

F. STATE CHEMICALS AND PHARMACEUTICALS CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD., A SUBSIDIARY OF THE STC, IMPORTS CHEMICALS AND OTHER RAW MATERIALS FOR THE UNCLASSIFIED

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PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY.

G. MINERALS AND METALS TRADING CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD. (MMTC) UNDER THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE IS THE IMPORTING AGENCY FOR INDUSTRIAL RAW MATERIALS SUCH AS NON-FERROUS METALS, CERTAIN SELECTED MINERALS AND FERTILIZERS.

H. INDIAN OIL CORPORATION UNDER THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS IS LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE IMPORT OF CRUDE OIL AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS.

I. OIL AND NATURAL GAS COMMISSION (ONGC) UNDER THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE IMPORT OF OFFSHORE AND ONSHORE OIL FIELD EQUIPMENT.

J. DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SUPPLIES AND DISPOSALS (DGSANDD) UNDER THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MAJOR PORTION OF SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT REQUIRED BY THE-GOI, STATE GOVERNMENTS,

MUNICIPALITIES, DISTRICT BOARDS AND VARIOUS OTHER
OFFICIAL AND QUASI-OFFICIAL AGENCIES. IMPORTS
GENERALLY INCLUDE MACHINERY OF ALL TYPES, EARTH
MOVING AND AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT, INDUSTRIAL
ENGINES, ETC.

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K. COTTON CORPORATION OF INDIA UNDER THE MINISTRY
OF INDUSTRY IMPORTS COTTON FOR DISTRIBUTION
AMONG THE VARIOUS TEXTILE UNITS WHICH ARE
MOSTLY IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

L. FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA UNDER THE MINISTRY OF
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE IMPORTS FOODGRAINS.

M. COAL INDIA LTD. UNDER THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY IS
PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PURCHASE OF COAL
MINING EQUIPMENT.

N. INDIAN SPACE RESEARCH ORGANIZATION UNDER THE
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
PROCUREMENT OF SATELLITES AND RELATED SPACE
SUPPORT EQUIPMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT O SPACE

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PROGRAMS IN INDIA.

O. NATIONAL THERMAL POWER CORPORATION UNDER THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY IS THE MAJOR PURCHASER OF POWER GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION EQUIPMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FIVE SUPER THERMAL POWER STATIONS. THESE PROJECTS ARE UNDER THE OVERALL SUPERVISION OF THE CENTRAL ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY (CEA).

P. STATE ELECTRICITY BOARDS. MOST POWER PROJECTS ARE INITIATED BY STATE GOVERNMENTS AND SUBMITTED TO THE CEA. THE GOI MAINTAINS REGULATORY CONTROL THROUGH THE CEA ON THESE PROJECTS. STATE GOVERNMENTS GENERALLY PROCURE ELECTRICAL POWER EQUIPMENT THROUGH STATE ELECTRICITY BOARDS.

Q. AIR INDIA AND INDIAN AIRLINES, PUBLIC SECTOR COMPANIES UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE GOI, ARE PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE IMPORT OF AIRCRAFT AND RELATED PRODUCTS.

3. THERE ARE NUMEROUS PUBLIC SECTOR CORPORATIONS WHICH PURCHASE SOME RAW MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT, BUT THEIR IMPORTS ARE NOT A SIGNIFICANT PROPORTION OF TOTAL PUBLIC SECTOR IMPORTS.

4. WE BELIEVE THAT ENTITIES A,B,C,D,I,K,L,N,O,P, AND Q ARE THE MAJOR POTENTIAL BUYERS OF U.S. PRODUCTS. IN VIEW OF THE GOI'S EMPHASIS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ENERGY SECTOR, AGRICULTURE, AND TRANSPORT/COMMUNICATIONS DURING THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, INDIAN IMPORTS FOR THESE SECTORS ARE EXPECTED TO INCREASE SUBSTANTIALLY, THEREBY

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